



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: October 5, 2004

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Creeks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: ARROYO BURRO WATERSHED VISION REPORT

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council hear a presentation from the Arroyo Burro Vision Project Committee on the Arroyo Burro Watershed Vision Project.

DISCUSSION:

The Arroyo Burro Vision Project Committee would like to make a presentation to the City Council on the outcomes of a year-long process to develop a vision for the Arroyo Burro watershed. The vision document, which will be provided to Council at the October 5, 2004 meeting, includes a series of guiding principles and recommended water quality, erosion, habitat, recreation, public access and education actions for the community to implement in order to improve the health of the Arroyo Burro watershed.

Administered by the Community Environmental Council and funded by the Wendy P. McCaw Foundation, the project members include residents, farmers and business owners that live or work in the Arroyo Burro watershed. Prior to developing the vision document, the participants received education and training on a range of creek water quality, natural resource, restoration and education issues as well as efforts underway to restore creeks and improve water quality. As part of this training, Creeks Division staff, County of Santa Barbara Project Clean Water and Flood Control staff, University of California scientists and researchers, as well as others, attended and made educational presentations at a number of meetings. Prior to completing the vision document, the committee also held two community meetings to solicit input on watershed action steps.

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